विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरि किशोर सिंह): (क) जी हां। (पंजाब में विदेशों की यात्रा पर लगे प्रतिबन्ध भारत सरकार द्वारा हटा लिए जाने पर) अमरीकी राजदूत के साथ कनिष्ठ और मध्यम स्तर के तीन अधिकारी और थे।

(ख) प्रतिबन्धित क्षेत्रों में राजनयिकों की यात्राएं मौजूदा नियमों के तहत और गृह मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी किए जाने वाले अनुज्ञा पत्रों के आधार पर की जाती है। गृह मंत्रालय से एक समन्वित सूची की प्रतीक्षा है जो प्राप्त होने पर सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) जी हां। ये अधिकारी अमरीकी राजदूतावास में प्रथम सचिव श्री वाल्टर एन्डर्सन थे।

(घ) अमरीकी राजदूतावास ने स्पष्ट किया है कि यह अमरीकी राजदूत की कार्य-सूची पर नैमित्तिक अधिक रिक दौरे का ही एक अंग था।

(ङ) जी नहीं, उनकी पंजाब यात्रा के संदर्भ में नहीं।

Service Complaints of Telephone Subscribers

3383. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the service complaints of telephone subscribers lodged at 198 and other such numbers on Saturdays and Sundays are not attended to by the Delhi Gate Telephone Exchange and many other Exchanges in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. Telephone service complaints lodged at '198' in Delhi Gate and other exchanges in the Capital are attended on all week days including Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

National Hydrographic Institute at IWAI Office in Patna

3384. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the occasion of the inauguration of the Indians Waterways Authority of India in the year 1986, it was jointly announced by the then Minister Mr. Rajesh Pilot and the then Chairman Mr. Xavier Arakal that a National Hydrographic Institute biggest in the country would be set up in the campus of the Inland Waterways Authority of India Regional office at Gaighat in Patna (Bihar); and

(b) whether responding to the above announcement the Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of Bihar spontaneously declared that the required land for the purpose may be deemed as transferred to the Inland Waterways Authority of India pending execution of formal transferance?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) During the function organised by the Inland Waterways Authority of India on 27th January, 1987 at Patna to inaugurate dredging operations undertaken by them, there was no announcement about the National Hydrographic Institute. There was, however, a mention about establishing a National-level Training Institute in the IWT Sector.

(b) Yes, Sir. The land of about 6.5 acres was declared transferred to IWAI. However, the terms and conditions of transfer of land were to be subsequently finalised. The IWAI and the concerned agencies of the State Government have as yet not finalised the same. The Govt. of Bihar have subsequently indicated that the land would cost Rs. 2.11 crores. The IWAI has, however, requested the State Government of Bihar to transfer the land free of cost since IWAI is not a commercial organisation and does not generate any revenue. Meanwhile, the IWAI have received indications from Government of Goa about their willingness to spare their existing training facilities and also the land, free of cost, for developing the proposed Training Institute. IWAI has so far not taken decision in this regard.

Atrocities on Women

@3384-A. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing atrocities on women in the recent past;

(b) whether any study has been conducted for determining the basic reasons and factors responsible for these crimes; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what steps are being taken to stop this tendency apart from making more stringent laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government is aware of the problem.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Crime Against women

@@3384-B. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite stringent laws in crime against women, the atrocities on women are increasing particularly amongst young married women;

(b) if so, the number of dowry deaths and other atrocities on women reported in the capital during the past 6 months; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to reward punishment to those indulged in dowry deaths and other crimes against women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A statement showing State-wise and Union Territorywise the number of cases reported as crime against women during the years 1988 and 1989 is enclosed. (Statement I) [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 117].

(b) A statement showing the number of cases reported as crime against women in the Union Territory of Delhi during the year 1990 (till 15-8-90) is enclosed (*See below*)

(c) The detection and investigation of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. They have to take action for apprehending culprits and filing cases in Courts after investigation.

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